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formaldehyde and other equally well known preserving liquids. The successful results were obtained by the use of boric acid.

A number of weakfish, freshly killed and dressed, were washed with a three per cent. solution of boric acid in sea water, and more than 24 hours later they looked as though they had just been caught, the flesh being firm and the eyes perfectly clear. No ice was used in the test. The fish were cooked and eaten and found to be excellent.

The discovery promises to be a most important one. The fish thus treated are in no sense "embalmed," but after the removal of the viscera the inside of each is simply washed with a sponge dipped in the solution. This must be done immediately after the fish are caught.

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BOSTON DEALERS HAVE LET-UP.

Receipts at T Wharf Today Greatly Decreased.

After being buried under more than 3,000,000 pounds of fish during the past three days, the T wharf dealers have a chance to dig themselves out today, take a look around and draw a long breath, for today there is a letup in the arrivals, there being but nine vessels in, with a small amount of fish. Prices are low, as is to be expected, for the dealers have fish on hand to last the rest of the week, even if no more come in.

Some of the vessels which arrived Tuesday are just beginning to take out their fares today.

Sch. Clara G. Silva has the largest trip, 63,000 pounds, the rest going from 2500 to 54,000 pounds, sch. Thomas S. Gorton having the latter amount.

New haddock are bringing from \$1.50 to \$1.60 with large cod at \$2.75 and \$3.

Although for the last few days the receipts of fish have been almost unprecedented at T wharf, prices did not go as low as was expected yesterday. Tuesday, up to 5 o'clock, there were registered at the exchange 1,317,200 pounds of fish for sale, and yesterday morning there were up to 10 o'clock, 1,200,000 pounds more added to yesterday's and Monday's arrivals, the latter being over 1,000,000 pounds. This morning the receipts are somewhat smaller, being only about 250,000 pounds.

The captains attribute the large catches of fish to the remarkably fine weather that prevailed all over the ocean last week. Saturday and Sunday were exceptionally fine, and up to Tuesday there was not any wind to prevent fishing.

For three days the vessels have been coming in to T wharf and very few have gone out, until they filled every berth available at T wharf, Long wharf, the Eastern packet pier and Commercial wharf. The later arrivals were naturally away on the outside, and until the crews of the vessels held up by the easterly storm began to arrive and get their vessels out, they were unable to get to the wharf.

The receipts in detail this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matchless, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 25,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 17,000 hake, 4000 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Minerva, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 500 halibut.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 4000 haddock, 3000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Hope, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Little Fanny, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 700 hake.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, 60 to 70 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.; halibut, 15 cts. per lb.; swordfish, 18 cts. per lb.

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MANY FISH FOR THE SPLITTERS.

Overflow From T Wharf Supply Brought to This Port.

Arrivals of fish here this morning are not heavy, the largest trip being that of sch. Vanessa, which came from Boston with her big fare of Quero bank caught salt and fresh cod, aggregating 190,000 pounds. Quite a bunch of the pollockers which could not sell in Boston brought their fish here to the splitters. The fine chance off today will be taken advantage of by many of the fleet.

Sch. Thalia is home from a long eastern drifting trip with a fair catch of 50,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Arthur D. Story, from Georges handlining has a fine fare, 45,000 pounds of salt cod.

From Boston with small lots of fresh fish for the splitters are schs. Muriel, Maud F. Silva, Slade Gorton and Edith Silveira.

The torchers brought over 100 barrels of herring and a few of the little boats had a few pollock yesterday afternoon. The pollockers from Boston brought down 50,000 pounds.

The arrivals and receipts this morning are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Muriel, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Vanessa, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 160,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Thalia, eastern drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Sloop Diana, via Boston, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Actor, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Boats and torchers, shore, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Robert and Carr, shore.

Sch. Washakie, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Mary F. Fallon, shore.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.

Sch. M. Madeleine, via Boston.

Sch. Topsail Girl, via Boston.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Pythian, Rips.

Sch. Conqueror, shacking.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Albert W. Black, haddocking.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, shacking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums. Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.

Bank halibut, 11 1/2 cents per pound. Small lots fresh halibut, 19 cts. lb.

Filched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.

Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$38 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

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Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING FLEET.

Leading Winter Fishery of This Port Will Soon be Commenced.

Probably Last Season to be Conducted Under Modus Vivendi.

In a few days now the advance guard of the Newfoundland herring fleet will be on the way to Bay of Islands, N. F., and the great winter business of this port will have begun. It is a business fraught with more dangers, physical and financial, than any other in the fishing line.

It is also probably the last season's fishery to be conducted under a modus vivendi, as ere next season rolls around the vexing fishery troubles brought about by the strictures of Sir Robert Bond, until recently Premier of Newfoundland, and his interpretation of the treaty of 1818 will have been settled by The Hague tribunal.

Several vessels have been getting ready for the early salt herring voyages and will soon begin to fit out. Last season the first crafts sailed October 15, but this year it will later when the first vessels get away, as the pioneers of the fleet are figuring on going not earlier than next Monday. The size of the fleet cannot at this time be estimated.

A. B. Alexander, who, as usual will represent the state department on the scene of the fishery, Bay of Islands, will probably start Monday, going by rail and boat, as there will be no government craft at the bay this season. Chaney Hall, who has for several herring seasons looked after the interests of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at Bay of Islands, will also probably go Monday.

Some Vessels Which Will Engage.

Among the early starters in the fleet will be schs. Fannie A. Smith, Olga, J. J. Flaherty, S. P. Willard, Arethusa and Henry M. Stanley. The Smith is practically all ready and will probably be the first to get away. Some of the others should also be ready to go Monday. Sch. Henry M. Stanley will begin to fit out Monday.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith will be in command of Capt. Joseph V. Bonia. Capt. Michael Wise will command sch. J. J. Flaherty and Capt. John Burton will go in sch. Olga. Sch. S. P. Willard will be commanded by Capt. Augustus Peterson and Capt. Henry Arsenault will go master of sch. Henry M. Stanley.

Sch. Arethusa on her early herring trip will be commanded by Capt. Jerry E. Cook.

Capt. Wallace Parsons is engaged in fitting out sch. Saladin for an early salt herring trip and will sail next week.

Schs. Lucinda I. Lowell, Flirt, John R. Bradley, Corona and Oregon will also be included in the early fleet and several of them are figuring on getting away next week.

Capt. Dominick Arsenault will go in sch. Flirt, Capt. Evans in sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Peter Porthier in sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Charles Rudolph in sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Albert Flygore in sch. Oregon and Capt. Albert Hudder will command sch. Corona.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith Sailed.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, sailed today on a Newfoundland salt herring trip, being the first of the winter herring fleet to get away. It was thought that the first craft would not sail until Monday, but Capt. Bonia took the advantage of the good off shore chance and sailed this forenoon.

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THREE SEINERS IN NORTH BAY.

Mackerel Season There Has Been Highly Unsatisfactory.

Highest Mackerel Catch of the Season Was 100 Barrels.

The North Bay fleet of seiners is still further reduced, two of the six left there a short while ago having gone to join the fleet off North Sydney, C. B., and sch. John M. Keen leaving Souris, P. E. I., for home Saturday. A letter from the Times representative at Souris gives the following interesting information regarding the doings of the fleet:

There are now but three of the fleet left in the bay, schs. Patricia, Lena and Maud and Priscilla Smith. The former took 24 barrels October 5 and sch. Lena and Maud small catches last week. Sch. Diana is reported to have taken 25 barrels off Sydney a few days ago.

Mackerel fishing in the gulf of St. Lawrence has been rather unsatisfactory this season, the highest catch being about 100 barrels and no larger catch being made at any one time than 20 or 25 barrels. Sch. Priscilla Smith is high line.

Fish Were Shy and Went to Bottom at Least Noise.

All the fish were caught by throwing bait and setting around the vessel. The mackerel are very large and fat. They seemed very timid all through the season and the least noise sent them to the bottom. They did not school at all.

Only three vessels took out fishing licenses at Souris and two others had Nova Scotia licenses when they came into the bay. There were no casualties in the fleet, little or no sickness, and the conduct of the crews when ashore here was most exemplary.

In all, 18 vessels came into the bay and there were no infractions of the fishing regulations. Some little murmuring was heard regarding side wharfage at the government pier and considerable adverse comment was also made on the fact that the United States government makes no provision for the care of sick fishermen at Souris, there being no sub-consul here.

All during the season the Times has sent daily a bundle of its edition to Souris, for distribution among the vessels of the Gloucester fleet, and this has been very much appreciated by the skippers and men, as they were able to keep posted and have the latest news from home every time they came into port.

Another large lot of mackerel was received at Boston yesterday morning from the fishermen on the Nova Scotia coast by way of the Yarmouth steamer. There was not as much as in the last lot, but enough to keep the market going for the rest of the week. The manifest of the steamer showed 311 barrels of large mackerel. The fish will run like the last lot between two and three pounds each. Unless there is a quick and decided change in the weather, this will probably be the last lot of mackerel from the east. Similar quantities, however, are due for some time to come.

Besides the fish on the Yarmouth steamer there were a few barrels of small mackerel from Cape Cod, where the fishermen find some in their traps every time they haul them. The fishermen are hoping that the weather will warm up some, and then they will get at least a part of the mackerel that were reported schooling off South Shoal Lightship several days ago.

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Quero Bank Trip Stocks.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Haywood, stocked \$2800 on her recent Quero bank salt and fresh shack cod trip, the crew sharing \$73.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$2872.46 on her recent fresh and salt cod shacking trip to Quero bank.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia was at Louisburg, C. B., Thursday with 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Schs. Mildred Robinson and Fannie E. Prescott were at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

Sch. Selma was at Lockport, N. S., Tuesday for bait.

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COOK CAUGHT BIG SWORDFISH

Landed 400-Pounder in Sch. Clara G. Silva Singlehanded.

Among the fish landed at Boston on Wednesday by sch. Clara G. Silva were two swordfish one of which was captured in an unusual way, through the pluck and energy of the cook of the schooner, who was on board of the schooner at the time.

After the dories had gone to their trawls last Sunday morning leaving Capt. Silva and the cook on board the vessel, the latter took the remaining dory and rowed down to where the men were, leaving Cook Perry alone in charge of the schooner.

Not long after the captain went away Perry saw a swordfish, and made up his mind to get it. He tied the wheel after steering the vessel toward the fish, and got the spear ready, and as the schooner came near to where the fish was sunning itself, threw the spear at it. The lily iron sank deep into the fish, and Perry made haste to throw the buoy with its long line over the side of the schooner.

He then took down the jib, and steered the vessel to where the swordfish was trying to get rid of the lily iron, and again got near enough to get hold of the buoy, and by pulling the fish backward drowned it. He was still alone, and hauled the fish to the side of the vessel, and with the help of a dory tackle got it on board, and when Capt. Silva returned was engaged in cleaning it. The fish weighed, cleaned, 390 pounds, and must have run up to near 400 pounds when it was in the water. The feat of Cook Perry is considered one worthy of note by the fishermen, and the crew of the Clara Silva give him credit for having added some \$54 to their stock for the trip.

HIGH LINE SALT TRAWL BANKER.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey Again Wins the Honor.

Capt. Clayton Morrissey of the big knockabout sch. Arethusa is again found this season in his usual position of high line of the salt trawl bank salt codfishing fleet. For many seasons he has carried off this honor and again this season he has shown his class by rolling up a stock of over \$21,000 on two trips.

On the first, or spring trip, the vessel weighed off 392,490 pounds of salt cod, on which a stock of \$9880.63 was made, the shareholders each receiving \$183.80 as their part of the voyage.

On the second trip, recently completed, the vessel weighed off 377,550 pounds of salt cod, the stock being \$11,182.97 and every member of the crew shared \$226.32.

This gives Capt. Morrissey and the Arethusa a season's stock of \$21,063.65, with a crew share of \$410.12, the amount of fish weighed off reaching the big total of 770,040 pounds. The craft is owned by the Cunningham & Thompson Co., and skipper Morrissey.

Fitted Halibut Stocks.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Charles Flygore, stocked \$9297.45 as the result of her recent fitted halibut trip, the crew sharing \$239.27.

Sch. S. P. Willard, Capt. Augustus Peterson, stocked \$3621.14 on her recent fitted halibut trip, the crew sharing \$214.41.

Squid on Georges.

Capt. Frank Viator of sch. Hortense reports lots of squid along the eastern edge of Georges.

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FISH SURPLUS FROM BOSTON.

Only Receipts at This Port Today!

Nothing much doing here today in the fish line. Schs. Hortense, Mary DeCosta and Clara G. Silva are down from Boston with fresh fish for the splitters, and sch. Warren M. Goodspeed of the market fleet, with one set on board, is in for harbor. The torchers had 80 barrels of herring.

The arrivals and receipts this morning are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boats and torchers, 70 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fanny, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. M. Madeline, shore.

Sch. Grace Darling, shore.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, shacking.

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Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

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Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

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Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

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Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod plenty; haddock and hake fair.

Lockeport—Cod, haddock and herring plenty.

Liverpool—Fishing operations dull.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; few mackerel in nets.

Petit-de-Grat—Few mackerel reported taken.

Main-a-dieu—Cod and squid plenty; pollock fair; haddock scarce.

Bonaventure—Cod very plenty.

Portland Fish Notes.

Large quantities of herring were landed at Portland Wednesday. The steamer E. N. Brown brought in 80 barrels, the sloop Sea Foam about 40 barrels, and another small craft also landed about 50 barrels, all captured in the vicinity of Clapboard island.

The fishing arrivals Wednesday were sch. Margie Turner, 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Marion Turner, 40,000 pounds. Sch. Albert D. Willard was also in.

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AN OLD TIME FISHERMAN.

Recalls Some of the Old Vessels Still in Running Order.

Our good friend, Eben L. Thomas of Ipswich, is in town making his annual visit among his relatives and friends, and will spend a little time in looking around the city. He commenced in the Bay mackerel fishery in 1852, when they caught their mackerel on hook and line, by throwing bait. He followed this fishing for about 10 years and among the vessels in which he sailed were the sch. Lizzie F. Choate, Capt. Joseph W. Collins, and sch. Isaac Rich, Capt. Frank Bryant.

He also sailed in sch. Theron J. Dale in 1868, with Capt. Jesse Lewis, on a Newfoundland trip for herring. They sailed on Friday, and notwithstanding the objection which many have against sailing on this day, it proved to them a successful trip. So far as he can ascertain, Capt. Lewis is the only captain now living with whom he sailed upwards of half a century ago. Of the crew of sch. Lightfoot, in which he sailed in 1854, he is the only survivor.

Mr. Thomas recalls some of the old-time vessels, some of which have passed the half century mark, but are still in running order, as follows:

Sch. Romeo, Capt. Harry Pew, built in 1845, now owned at Bucksport, Me.

Sch. Wild Pigeon, built in 1852, owned by James Mansfield & Sons, now owned in Machias, Me.

Sch. Wild Rose, built in 1855, now owned at Eastport, Me.

Sch. Atlanta, built in 1848, now owned at Belfast, Me.

Sch. Lone Star, built in 1854, now owned at Machias, Me.

Sch. Nip Desperandum, built in 1861, now owned at Bangor, Me.

Sch. Native American, built in 1845, now owned in Calais, Me.

Sch. True Republican, built in 1849, now owned at Thomaston, Me.

SIX ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Fish Supply Ample For a Friday Market.

There are only 120,000 pounds of fresh fish in the six arrivals at Boston today, and nearly half of these are hake and pollock. There is but little life to the market and new haddock are selling for \$1.50. Large cod hold up fairly well, but hake and pollock are still low.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen with 45,000 pounds and sch. Georgianna with 31,000 pounds, are the only off shore crafts in. Very little in the way of arrivals is looked for tomorrow, and Monday's usually large list may be somewhat affected by the recent bad weather.

The receipts this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Etta B., 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 15,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 16,000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3.80; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.00; hake, 70 cts. to \$1.10; pollock, 80 cts.

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THREE FARES AT T WHARF.

Lightest Receipts at Boston For Many Days.

Just three little fares are all that T wharf dealers had facing them when the bell rang this morning. The fish were all new and brought good prices, haddock touching \$3 and large pounds of fish in all three trips and they were soon cleaned up.

For the week ending Thursday night, 110 vessels arrived at T wharf, with fares aggregating 3,837,100 pounds, against 95 arrivals with 1,729,500 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 300 cod, 5000 hake, 500 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 1500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 600 pollock.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 18,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.

St. John's Merchants Drop Price of Salt Cod.

Several firms at St. John's, N. F., have lowered their price for codfish brought in by carts from nearby outports and are now giving \$4 and \$5 a ton, owing to the inferior quality of the cure, this being equivalent to a drop of about 25 cents. There is no change in the price of fish coming in by vessels. Good fish is now in demand but large Madeira is practically not wanted.

The Labrador Codfishery.

The total shipments of codfish from Labrador this season are 120,000 quintals. This quantity compared with last year's exports (228,000 quintals) shows a great and serious falling off. The green-fish catchers in addition to the shore crews have not fared anywhere near their catch of 1908, perhaps not 25 per cent. of that year's voyage coming to them this season. The general report is that the Labrador fishery this season is the worst on record.

Nearly all the Bay Roberts, N. F., schooners are home from Labrador. The bulk of the schooners and the most of the crews fared badly the past season, and the voyage is about the worst in the experience of the oldest of the planters. Port-de-Grave schooners and fishing crews have done fairly well.

Newfoundland Fleet Did Well On Grand Bank.

The Grand Bank fishery of the Newfoundland fleet this season is expected to be a highly successful one, and the total catch a large one. Capt. John Matthews, in sch. Arabia, will likely be high liner. For three trips he has landed 2,200 quintals, and has gone on his fourth, so that if his luck continues, his catch will not be far short of 3,000. Capt. John Thornell returned from his third trip a few days ago in sch. Pleidas, with a full cargo, making his catch to date, 1,900 quintals. The banker Bessie McDonald, Capt. Hannigan, of 95 tons register, which was built only last year for Capt. George Harris, also has 1,900 quintals. Capt. Anstey, in sch. Palanda was high liner last season with a catch of 2,200 quintals. All the other vessels out of Grand Bank are reported with catches of from 1,200 to 1,400 quintals.

Latest Newfoundland Fishery Intelligence.

Codroy—Good sign of fish in deep water when weather is favorable.

St. Mary's—Only few boats and dories fishing now; dories one quintal daily; boats about 10 quintals a week.

Carbonear—Only few boats out, got about one quintal each on trawls, bait scarce.

Bay Roberts—Little fish, plenty squid.

Fortune—Water too rough for fishing, wind northwest, fine and clear.

Nipper's Harbor—Moderate, weather fine, little codfish, bait plenty.

Sound Island—Half quintal per boat; squid plentiful.

Heart's Content—No boats fishing, weather stormy.

Burin—Squid plenty, nothing doing along shore.

Harbor Grace—Codfish and bait scarce.

Trinity—Codfish scarce along all local grounds, little on the offer grounds when weather permits operations, bait not so plentiful.

Pilley's Island—Cod scarce, nothing doing here, no bait.

At Trinity, Fortune, Birchy Cove, Lark Harbor, Carbonear, Lamaline, Heart's Content, Sound Island and Lawn it is stormy and no boats have ventured on the grounds.

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HAULS REPORTED OFF SYDNEY

Vessels Believed to Have Taken Mackerel There.

There are some well defined rumors around "fishermen's corner" that the mackerel fleet have been making some hauls off North Sydney, C. B. It is believed that probably some of the vessels have been picking up a few fish there, but it is thought had there been any large hauls, that definite word of it would have been received here.

Sch. Electric Flash was at North Sydney, C. B., a few days ago with 100 barrels of salt mackerel on board. Part of these fish were caught in North bay, and part off North Sydney.

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald says that mackerel are reported plentiful off the Cape Breton shore and that sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman Ross, took 30 barrels last Monday.

The following table gives the imports of salt and fresh mackerel to date the past five years:

| | Salt Mackerel Barrels | Fresh Mackerel Barrels |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1909 | 13,744 | 9,753 |
| 1908 | 28,708 | 11,509 |
| 1907 | 12,482 | 6,289 |
| 1906 | 24,511 | 17,251 |
| 1905 | 15,437 | 7,144 |
| 1904 | 15,144 | 5,516 |

The following table gives the catch of salt and fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date for this and the past five years:

| | Salt Mackerel Barrels | Fresh Mackerel Barrels |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1909 | 15,769 | 46,349 |
| 1908 | 19,147 | 47,307 |
| 1907 | 30,740 | 52,167 |
| 1906 | 9,679 | 33,913 |
| 1905 | 28,888 | 49,053 |
| 1904 | 28,198 | 46,661 |

SOLD ITS BUSINESS.

New England Fish Company With- draws from Canadian Halibut Field.

The Vancouver, B. C., Province says: "The New England Fish Company has today sold its entire Canadian business as the Canadian Fishing Company, limited, and will from now on retire permanently from that field," announced A. L. Hager, manager of the New England Fish Company today during the course of an interview.

"This means that hereafter all the halibut trade in Canada will be in the hands of the Canadian Fishing Co. and such other Canadian companies as may engage in the trade—the New England Fish Company is out of it for good," continued Mr. Hager.

"During the past year the Canadian trade of the New England Fish Company has grown tremendously, and it is now so large that the Canadian Fishing Company will not experience the slightest difficulty in operating both its steamers, the Celestial Empire and the Flamingo, the year around. The Canadian Fishing Company had a fair market of its own, and this added to the connection in Canada now secured from the New England Company, will give it plenty of sale for practically all the fish its two steamers can catch. Should there be any fish which cannot be marketed in Canada, the Canadian Fishing Company and the New England Company have entered into an arrangement whereby the latter will take over the surplus for export to the United States. Of course we will have to pay a duty of one cent a pound on such fish entering the states.

"In the past there has been considerable opposition to the sale of fish in the Canadian market by the New England Fish Company, and the sale to the Canadian concern of that business will result in the removal of that objection to the operations of the American Company through the port of Vancouver."

Portland Fish Notes.

Several of the local fishing vessels put to sea Wednesday, but most of them came back in the afternoon, finding it so rough outside that they could do no fishing. Some of the fishermen engaged in inshore fishing complain of being greatly bothered by dogfish, their nets in some cases being badly damaged by the ravenous fish. Government experts, it is reported, are studying up some method of destroying this unwelcome fish, and the fishing industry will be greatly benefited if they succeed.

The United States revenue cutter Woodbury was hauled out at the marine railway Wednesday morning and will receive extensive repairs before being launched. The cutter's hull will be coppered so that the winter ice will not damage it, as the Woodbury will cruise all along the coast between this port and Nova Scotia. The cutter Androscoggin is now at the Fore River Shipbuilding Co. plant being thoroughly overhauled and it will be several weeks before she returns to this port.

The fishing schooner Mary E. Sennett has been hauled up on the mud at the head of Commercial wharf where repairs are being made on her bottom at low water.

Oct. 16.

HADDOCK WILL BE SMOKED.

Fare of Sch. B. F. Phillips Brought by Fresh Fish Co.

The fish week here has a dull closing indeed. Yesterday sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, came down from Boston with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock. The fare went to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company as Manager Livingston wanted some fish to smoke. As there was no trip in here he simply bought one up to Boston and had the fish brought down.

It does seem to bad that enough fresh fish vessels are not coming here to keep this concern supplied with fish.

This morning sch. Frances P. Mesquita came in from Georges with a fine fare of 80,000 pounds and will go to Boston for Monday morning's market.

The herring torchers brought in 140 barrels which went for bait.

While arrivals are light, sailings are numerous and today and tomorrow